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Sir:

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

A telephone interview was conducted on July 1, 2008 between Examiner Singh and Applicants' undersigned representative. During the interview, Applicants' representative and Examiner Singh discussed the claimed invention, in particular, independent claims 1 and 6. The scope of the Namakita (US 7,262,870) reference also was discussed particularly as distinct from the present invention's restricting unit as disclosed at pages 24 and 32-34 of the specification.

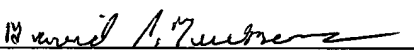
No agreement was reached.

Applicants await the outcome of the Examiner's further prior art search and the next Official Action in the above-identified application.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call Applicants undersigned representative in the event that a resolution of any outstanding issues appears to be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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